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PREFACE

Vedic Astrology like any other branch of Vedic knowledge aimed at enhancing human welfare by ameliorating sufferings.

With this grand mission, sage Parasara (one of those grand eighteen sages like Narada, Vashishta, Jaimini etc.) authored this encyclopaedia text in the principles of Vedic Astrology designated as Brihat Parasara Hora Shastra (BPHS in brief). As the name connotes the text comprises of basic principles of Vedic Astrology in a comprehensive way. It essentially deals with delineation of life from conception to death; the cardinal underlying principles being those celestial condition (planetary position and pattern/combination) at birth influence to determine the pattern of whole life of human beings.

In this backdrop profound use has been made of all astrological clues lying scattered in various mythological and allied scriptures including yoga tantra etc., besides all the published material on the subject. Texture difference have been pointed out and appropriate text accepted. Hence efforts have been made to make this publication the most comprehensive as all available text has been included so as to preclude any additional consultation. A detailed glossary of these texts shall be presented at the end of the second & concluding part of the book.

Astrology is like any other science, however its practice would always remain an art as the parameters of man environments and times lead to different interpretation in different parts of the world. I say so on the basis of my experience/practice through two decades over which principles laid down in BPHS progressively became lucid and amazingly true. A lot more is yet to be done especially in the face of the fact that past deeds and predestination have a definite role to play. Hence it is only through the study of Vedic Astrology that the secret of fate and freewill can be deciphered on a logical plane.

The principles of Vedic Astrology are intricate and yet simple. At times during initial interpretation they may seem to be contradictory but really they are not, and at this stage, the teacher (the Guru) plays a key role and no book can replace him. However, a limited effort has been made to present appropriate practical examples (horoscopes) both to illustrate the principles and resolve the text. The fear of the book's becoming bulky has tended to hold me back from giving more examples. But to compensate for this deficiency soon the readers shall have a series of books like the following dealing with special principles so far not published or even deciphered by the common student or practitioner of astrology:

1. Parasara & Harmonic Charts
2. Role of Retrograde Planets in Astrology

These books have included two decades of research and thousands of horoscopes to affirm my belief in replicable techniques of predictive Vedic Astrology.

As I present this English version of BPHS, I must hasten to record my sincere thanks to Prof. **DPS Chauhan**, but for whose help in making this translation closest to concept, the book may not have been in this form.

Formal thanks to Mr. URS STROBEL & Mr. SIBELT MEYER of MVU would be grossly inadequate for their informal and continuous inspiration propelling me to take up this work. I shall ever remain grateful to them.

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If the readers find the book of some use; I think I have thanked Mr. Narinder Sagar (Prop. Sagar Publications) for all his untiring and thoughtful encouragement. May God bless him.

I am aware that the very human touch makes the things imperfect; Hence I shall be grateful to receive suggestions to improve the value of the book by incorporating the necessary changes in future.

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श्रीगणेशाय नमः

अथ बृहत्पाराशरहोराशास्त्रम् Brihat Parasara Hora Shastra

[गजाननं भूतगणादिसेवितं कपित्थजम्बूफलसारभक्षणम् ।

उमासुतं शोकविनाशकारणं नमामि विघ्नेश्वरपादपंकजम् ॥

I prostrate before the lotus feet of Lord Vighneshwara, the offspring of Uma, the cause of destruction of sorrow, who is served by Bhutaganas (the five Cardinal elements of the Universe) etc; who has the face of tusker and who consumes the essence of Kapiththa and Jambu fruits.]

सृष्टिक्रमकथनाध्यायः ॥१॥

Chapter 1 The Creation

अथैकदा मुनिश्रेष्ठं त्रिकालजं पराशरम् ।
पप्रच्छोपेत्य मैत्रेयः प्रणिपत्य कृताञ्जलिः ॥१॥
भगवन्! परमं पुण्यं गुह्यं वेदाङ्गमुत्तमम् ।
त्रिस्कन्धं ज्यौतिषं होरा गणितं संहितेति च ॥२॥
एतेष्वपि त्रिषु श्रेष्ठा होरेति श्रूयते मुने! ।
त्वत्तस्तां श्रोतुमिच्छामि कृपया वद मे प्रभो! ॥३॥
कथं सृष्टिरियं जाता जगत्श्च लयः कथम्? ।
खस्थानां भूस्थितानां च सम्बन्धं वद विस्तरात्? ॥४॥